

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing Of Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) A networked system, comprising:

a switch configured to receive multimedia signals originating from a remote source;

a first receiving device configured to control the switch to selectively receive at least a portion of the multimedia signals from the switch, the first receiving device being configured to process received multimedia signals to generate output signals for presentation on a first local device, the first receiving device comprising:

a storage device configured to selectively store multimedia signals received from the switch, wherein the first receiving device is capable of supplying stored multimedia signals to the switch in response to a control signal received from the switch;

a processor configured to receive notifications identifying unused frequencies, wherein the unused frequencies are identified from a frequency map provided by a service provider; and

a modulator configured to modulate the stored multimedia signals prior to supplying the stored multimedia signals to the switch to an identified unused frequency; and

a second receiving device configured to directly control the switch to selectively receive via the switch at least a portion of the multimedia signals originating from a remote source and to selectively receive via the switch at least a portion of the stored multimedia signals from the first receiving device, the second receiving device being configured to process received multimedia signals to generate output signals for presentation on a second local device, wherein the second receiving device has access to all of the hardware and software functionality of the first receiving device.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the remote source is a satellite.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the first receiving device is a digital home communications system (DHCT).

19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the second receiving device is one of a plurality of second receiving devices, each configured to control the switch to selectively receive via the switch multimedia signals from the remote source and to selectively receive via the switch stored multimedia signals from the first receiving device.

20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the second receiving device is a digital home communications system (DHCT).

21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 16, wherein the switch routes multimedia signals based on at least one of polarization and frequency of the multimedia signals, wherein the first receiving device supplies the stored multimedia signals to the switch with a polarization or frequency that is different from a polarization or frequency of the multimedia signals from the remote source.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A satellite communications system for transmitting downstream satellite signals from a satellite transponder to a satellite receiver, the satellite signals being transmitted with a plurality of frequencies and polarizations, the system comprising:

a satellite receiver configured to receive the downstream satellite signals;

a switch configured to route the downstream satellite signals according to frequency and polarization;

a processor configured to receive notifications identifying unused frequencies, wherein the unused frequencies are identified from a frequency map provided by a service provider;

a first digital home communications system (DHCT) comprising a modulator, the first DHCT being coupled to the switch and configured to process a portion of the

downstream satellite signals in accordance with a tuned frequency and polarization, and configured to store and subsequently transmit requested presentations included in the downstream satellite signals, wherein the requested presentations are transmitted from the first DHCT to the switch and the modulator is configured to modulate the requested presentations to an identified unused frequency or polarization; and

a second DHCT coupled to the switch and configured to process a portion of the downstream satellite signals in accordance with a tuned frequency and polarization, and configured to receive the requested presentations from the first DHCT via the switch, wherein the second DHCT has access to all of the hardware and software functionality of the first DHCT.

24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23, wherein the received satellite signals and requested presentations are received and transmitted over a common port.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method of supplying content to a device for presentation, comprising:

supplying a remotely-transmitted signal to a switch;

routing at least a portion of the remotely-transmitted signal to a first receiving device capable of processing remotely-transmitted signals to generate output signals for presentation on a first local device;

storing content from the remotely-transmitted signal in the first receiving device;
supplying a command signal from a second receiving device to the switch to request retrieval of stored content from the first receiving device, wherein the second receiving device has access to all of the hardware and software functionality of the first receiving device;

routing the stored content from the first receiving device to the second receiving device via the switch in response to the command signal, wherein the stored content is modulated by the first receiving device prior to being supplied to the switch, wherein the modulator receives notifications identifying unused frequencies available for the modulated output, wherein the unused frequencies are identified from a frequency map provided by a service provider; and

processing the stored content in the second receiving device to generate an output signal for presentation on a second local device.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein the switch routes signals based on at least one of frequency and polarization and the first receiving device supplies the stored content to the switch with a frequency or polarization that differs from those of the remotely-transmitted signal.

28. (Canceled)